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SUBJ: TURKEY, THE EC, AND THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE

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1. MISSION APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S COMMENTS IN REFTELS A AND B WHICH ARE PARTICULARLY VALUABLE IN HELPING US UNDERSTAND THE TURKISH ATTITUDE TOWARD THE EC AS REFLECTED IN NATO.

2. IN THAT CONNECTION MISSION WISHES TO REPORT THAT TURKISH NATO DELEGATION MADE CONTACT WITH MISSION IN LATE FEBRUARY AND REQUESTED A READ OUT ON THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE. MISSION RESPONDED DRAWING ON REF C AND FURNISHING TURKISH DELEGATION WITH COPIES OF THE CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE AND THE SECRETARY'S FEBRUARY 13 PRESS CONFERENCE.

3. AT THAT TIME THE TURKISH DCM EXPRESSED TURKISH SENSE OF ISOLATION ALONG THE LINES THAT EMBASSY HAS REPORTED, AND THEIR ANXIETY AT BEING EXCLUDED FROM THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WHICH TAKES PLACE IN CONNECTION WITH EVENTS SUCH AS THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE. ADDITIONALLY, OUR CONTACT NOTED RECENT PRESS SPECULATION PARTICULARLY IN LE MONDE POSITING U.S. INTEREST IN SETTING UP A PERMANENT ASSOCIATION OF LARGE INDUSTRIAL NATIONS TO DEAL WITH THE OIL CRISIS AND OTHER RAW MATERIALS IN SHORT SUPPLY. OBVIOUSLY SUCH STORIES BRING FORTH TURKISH FEARS OF THE "WHERE DOES THAT LEAVE US?" VARIETY.

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4. WHILE MISSION IS GLAD TO FURNISH WHAT INFORMATION WE CAN TO OUR TURKISH COLLEAGUES HERE ON A SPECIAL REQUEST BASIS, WE WOULD NOT WISH THIS RELATIONSHIP TO COMPETE IN ANY WAY WITH BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS IN ANKARA. ACCORDINGLY MISSION HAS NOT FOLLOWED UP THIS CONTACT BY VOLUNTEERING TO THE TURKS A

READ OUT ON THE ENERGY COORDINATION GROUP MEETING OF FEBRUARY
25, NOR HAVE WE BEEN ASKED TO DO SO. MCAULIFFE

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